AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A Global Cargo Container Information Clearinghouse (GCCIC), comprising:

a GCCIC system having a central information repository wherein information related to the transportation of goods is processed and stored, the repository, comprising:

a processor section comprising a processor and a memory and including routines to operate the GCCIC,

a transaction section that tracks transportation of goods transactions, recorded in the GCCIC, and

a data section that records the information and provides an interface to users of the GCCIC;

a set of rules including proposed rules and adopted rules for operation of the GCCIC, wherein one or more rules is are acknowledged by a government agency; and

wherein the processor section further includes environmental sensors that measure environmental data and a routine stored in the memory and executed by the processor to check for checking compliance with the proposed rules by monitoring the environmental data and correlating the environmental data with one or more thresholds and set points to determine if the one or more thresholds and set points have been exceeded.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The GCCIC system of claim 1, further comprising an interface to a mutual benefit association including commercial entities and government agencies, wherein the commercial entities propose the one or more rules to be acknowledged by the government agency, and wherein the commercial entities and the government agencies use the interface to provide information to the GCCIC system and receive information and products from the

GCCIC system.

Claims 3 - 7 (cancelled).

Claim 8 (currently amended): A method for operation of a Cargo Container Information Clearinghouse (GCCIC), the method being executed by a computer including a processor and a memory and comprising:

provding a GCCIC system including a central information repository;

providing a set of rules for operating the GCCIC system;

forming a GCCIC association comprising commercial entities and government agencies as members;

proposing rules for governing the association;

receiving an indication that the proposed rules are acknowledged by a government agency;

providing incentives and programs for members of the association;

imposing fees on the organization; and

monitoring compliance of cargo containers with the ~~adopted~~ proposed rules by monitoring environmental data and correlating the environmental data with one or more thresholds and set points to determine if the one or more thresholds and set points have been exceeded.

Claims 9 - 20 (cancelled).

Claim 21 (currently amended): The GCCIC system of claim 1, wherein the processor section further comprises:

a routine stored in the memory and executed by the processor to receive ~~for receiving~~ an indication that the proposed rules are acknowledged by a government agency.

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Claim 22 (currently amended): A Global Cargo Container Information Clearinghouse (GCCIC), comprising:

a GCCIC system having a central information repository wherein information related to the transportation of goods is processed and stored, the repository, comprising:

a processor section including routines to operate the GCCIC,

a transaction section that tracks transportation of goods transactions, recorded in the GCCIC, and

a data section that records the information and provides an interface to users of the GCCIC;

a set of rules including proposed rules and adopted rules for operation of the GCCIC, wherein one or more rules is are acknowledged by a government agency; and

wherein the processor section further including a routine stored in the memory and executed by the processor to check routines for checking compliance with the proposed rules wherein the processor section further includes environmental sensors that measure environmental data and a routine stored in the memory and executed by the processor to check for checking compliance with the proposed rules by monitoring the environmental data and correlating the environmental data with one or more thresholds and set points to determine if the thresholds and set points have been exceeded and to receive for receiving an indication that the proposed rules are acknowledged by a government agency; and

an interface to a mutual benefit association including commercial entities and government agencies, wherein the commercial entities propose the one or more rules to be acknowledged by the government agency, and wherein the commercial entities and the government agencies use the interface to provide information to the GCCIC system and receive information and products from the GCCIC system.